

### REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are currently pending. Of the original patented claims 1-8, claim 1 has been amended.

Specifically, patented claim 1 has been amended to delete limitations "all of the components of a conventional computer" in lines 3-4 "typed and" in line 14.

New claims 9-12 are similar to claims 9-12 presented in the amended dated October 12, 2001. New claim 9 differs from previously presented claim 9 by the deletion of the limitations "first component comprising a core computer unit" and "said second component comprising an enclosure for encasing and receiving said first component, and for providing a peripheral based interface to the computer system created by joining said first component and second component." Further, new claim 10 is substantially similar to previously presented claim 10. Additionally, new claim 11 differs from previously presented claim 11 by the deletion of the limitation "essentially all" in relation to the computer motherboard of the sealed housing. Finally, new claim 12 differs from previously presented claim 12 by the deletion of the limitation "all the" in relation to the components of the core module. New claim 13 is presented for the first time in this Amendment.

In the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, the Examiner raised the following issues:

1. The Examiner requested that the claims in this patent be refurnished in double column format. In response, Appendix I contains the claims in the patent in double column format.

The Examiner also requested that a copy of the terminal disclaimer filed in the patent be provided. A copy of the terminal disclaimer is located in Appendix II attached to this amendment.

2. The Examiner indicated that the reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because it fails to contain a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1175 that all errors which are being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing of the oath/declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. In response, a supplemental reissue oath/declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1) is being submitted herewith in Appendix III.

3. Claims 1-12 stand rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. § 251. In response to this rejection, a supplemental oath/declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1) is being filed herewith in Appendix III.

4. Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner contented that the recitations “said internal core components comprising, except for a display, all the components of a conventional computer” (lines 2-4) and “said core devoid of any peripheral ports” (lines 11-12) of claim 1 are contradictory because peripheral ports are also components of a conventional computer. Also, the Examiner contented that the claim limitation “different type and enclosures” recited at lines 20-21 of claim 1 is indefinite.

With regard to the first point in the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection, claim 1 has been amended by deleting the limitations “all of the components of a

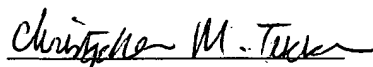
conventional computer.” With regard to the second point in this rejection, claim 1 has been further amended to delete the recitation “different type” in relation to the types of enclosures that the core computer unit may be used.

Further, the Examiner also states that claims 9-12 suffer from similar indefinite language problems. Claims 9-12 have been similarly amended as discussed above.

5. Applicant has reviewed the prior art that the Examiner made of record but does not rely upon. Therefore, since the Examiner does not rely upon any of these references, a discussion of the art will not be made here.

For at least these reasons mentioned above, Applicant submits that the rejections of the pending claims have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance and request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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